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SUB: ANGLICAN SHURCH ASSAILS POLICE BRUTALITY, BANNING OF

PROTEST STATEMENTS

REF: (A)CAPE TOWN A-03, JAN 18 (B) CAPE TOWN A-07, FEB 1, (C) CAPE TOWN 0125, (D) CAPE TOWN 0225

SUMMARY: ANGLICAN CHURCH IN TWO SEPARATE STATEMENTS HAS ADDED ITS VOICE TO GROWING PROTEST OVER POLICE BRUTALITY AND DEATHS OF PERSONS UNDER POLICE DETENTION AND HAS STRONGLY DENOUNCED SUPPRESSION OF STATEMENTS OF GRIEVANCES. END SUMMARY

1. PROTESTING FEB .4 BANNING OF A NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE ON GRIEVANCES BY BLACK MINISTERS HERE (REFA), ANGLICAN ARCHBISHOP BILL BURNETT ISSUED STATEMENT FEB 16 SAYING THAT BLACKS HAVE CONCLUDED "THAT ONLY LANGUAGE WHITES WILL HEAR IS THAT OF BURNING,RIOTING AND KILLING." (IN ADDITION TO MINISTERS' NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE, THEIR PUBLICATION ALLEGING POLICE INCITEMENT OF WORKERS IN CHRISTMAS RIOTS (REF B) WAS BANNED AT SAME TIME.) BURNETT'S STATEMENT ALSO STRONGLY PROTESTED CONTINUING DEATHS OF DETAINED PERSONS, INCLUDING UNCLASSIFIED

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JOSEPH MDLULI (DURBAN 069) AND MATTHEW MABELANE (JOHANNESBURG 344.)

2. ANGLICAN DIOCESAN COUNCIL ON FEB 14 LIKEWISE
DENOUNCED BANNING OF MINISTERS' STATEMENT OF GRIEVANCES,
ASSOCIATED ITSELF WITH CALLS BY BLACK MINISTERS AND
CATHOLIC BISHOPS FOR INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED POLICE

EXCESSES (REFS B AND D) AND PROTESTED "IN STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS" SAG INTENTION TO INDEMNIFY POLICE AGAINST ANY POSSIBLE LEGAL CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR ACTIONS IN DEALING WITH LAST YEAR'S RIOTS (REF C).

3. TEXTS OF BOTH STATEMENTS BEING POUCHED.

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